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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST: GAMASY-SIILASVUO TALKS

1. ASYG URQUHART CALLED AMB SCHAUFLE TO GIVE HIM SUBSTANCE OF TELEGRAM FROM UNEF COMMANDER SIILASVUO AFTER TALK WITH GOE GEN GAMASY WHO HAD REQUESTED CONVERSATION.

2. AFTER RAISING ROUTINE POINTS GAMASY BROUGHT UP THREE BASIC ISSUES:

(1) ISRAELIS WERE STILL REFUSING TO RE-SUPPLY EGYPTIAN ARMY CONTINGENT AT KABRIT WHICH WOULD RUN OUT OF SUPPLIES WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. WARNED THAT EGYPT WOULD THEN FEEL COMPELLED TO RESORT TO FORCE. (UN COMMENTS THAT ISRAELIS HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO PERMIT EVACUATION KABRIT FORCE WITH ARMS AS EGYPT HAD ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BUT THAT EGYPT HAD THEN DECIDED TO KEEP FORCE IN PLACE).

(2) ISRAELIS HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY ARE HOLDING 32 EGYPTIAN POWS TAKEN ON WEST BANK AND THE EGYPTIANS HAVE HAD NO SUCCESS RESOLVING THIS PROBLEM THROUGH RED CROSS. IF POWS NOT RETURNED EGYPT WOULD REFUSE RETURN ANY ISRAELIS CAPTURED IN FUTURE.

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(3) EGYPT HAS PROPOSED THAT ISRAEL ALLOW EGYPTIAN SHIPS  
IN VARIOUS RED SEA PORTS RETURN TO SUEZ CITY  
FOR REPAIRS. GAMASY LINKED THIS WITH QUESTION OF STRAITS  
OF BAB EL MANDEB. SAID WITHOUT PUBLICITY EGYPT HAD ALLOWED  
NON-ISRAELI SHIPS TO GO THROUGH STRAITS TO EILAT. IF  
ISRAELIS DO NOT PERMIT EGYPTIAN SHIPS TO GO TO SUEZ  
CITY FULL BLOCKADE WILL BE RE-IMPOSED.

3. SIILASVUO HAS ASKED FOR MEETING WITH FAHMY TO DISCUSS  
THESE POINTS BECAUSE FAHMY HAS ALREADY INDICATED HE WILL  
TAKE THEM UP WITH KISSINGER.

4. UN HAS RAISED KABRIT ISSUE WITH ISRAELIS HERE AND PLANS  
TO DO SO IN ISRAEL AS WELL.

5. URQUHART BELIEVES THAT AS IMPORTANT AS ALL THESE ISSUES  
ARE THE ONE CONCERNING KABRIT FORCE HAS THE MOST POTENTIAL  
FOR TROUBLE.  
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